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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

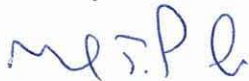
As president of Innovate Anderson, a public/private community development organization that seeks to bring jobs and investment into Anderson County, SC, I am writing to ask that you approve the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, currently under consideration in WT Docket No. 11-65. Anderson County was built by local entrepreneurs. This transaction will enable current establishments to experience expanded growth and further encourage the entrepreneurial spirit of our area by provided much needed wireless broadband.

As you know, small businesses account for 60 percent of all new jobs in the U.S. - even though for too long these businesses have lacked the access to high-performance broadband technologies that larger corporations enjoy.

Furthermore, AT&T has plans to invest billions to build out its broadband infrastructure across the country after the merger. Investment leads to immediate job growth that will support the expanded opportunities this technology brings with it.

In October 2009, Chairman Genachowski said, "We all know the commercial benefits of broadband access for small businesses ..." I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to remember those benefits - improved access to suppliers, faster outreach to customers, and improved job training for employees - when considering this merger.

Sincerely,



Mike Panasko
President